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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED ON DECEMBER 4, 2003**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on December 4, 2003 (paper no. 4), please enter this response and consider the amended claims in the application for the reasons discussed below. Although Applicant believes that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AUTO 0512 for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 3 of this paper. **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 4 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 16 of this paper.